

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
[TRULY AGREED TO AND FINALLY PASSED]

SENATE BILL NO. 170

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2013

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AN ACT

To repeal section 610.015, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to participation by members of public governmental bodies in roll call votes.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 610.015, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 610.015, to read as follows:

610.015. Except as provided in section 610.021, rules authorized pursuant
2 to article III of the Missouri Constitution and as otherwise provided by law, all
3 votes shall be recorded, and if a roll call is taken, as to attribute each "yea" and
4 "nay" vote, or abstinence if not voting, to the name of the individual member of
5 the public governmental body. Any votes taken during a closed meeting shall be
6 taken by roll call. All public meetings shall be open to the public and public votes
7 and public records shall be open to the public for inspection and duplication. All
8 votes taken by roll call in meetings of a public governmental body consisting of
9 members who are all elected, except for the Missouri general assembly and any
10 committee established by a public governmental body, shall be cast by members
11 of the public governmental body who are physically present and in attendance at
12 the meeting **or who are participating via videoconferencing**. When it is
13 necessary to take votes by roll call in a meeting of the public governmental body,
14 due to an emergency of the public body, with a quorum of the members of the
15 public body physically present and in attendance and less than a quorum of the
16 members of the public governmental body participating via telephone, facsimile,
17 Internet, or any other voice or electronic means, the nature of the emergency of
18 the public body justifying that departure from the normal requirements shall be
19 stated in the minutes. Where such emergency exists, the votes taken shall be

20 regarded as if all members were physically present and in attendance at the
21 meeting.

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